Explanatory note:

Such an attempt is being made by research workers of the Pre-Census Population Project and seems to be useful. A particular proceeding or memoir or consultation reveals nothing except when physically handled to obtain useful information; a research worker on population may be interested only in population statistics, but the same document may contain data on social conditions, prices, wages, land use, etc. Without much additional labour, a research worker may perhaps make a glance on the contents of each document handled if so desired. An annotated bibliography of records may thus starts its humble journey in this way.

Standing Committee's views:

This will be putting undue strain on the time and energy of the research scholars. This could perhaps be successful in the case of one Department or a Project, but not when the records to be consulted by the scholars in various repositories are vast and diversified.

M. Microfilm of the Manuscripts in Bangiya Sahitya Parisad, Calcutta

(26) Resolution by Prof. Tridibnath Ray

"Microfilm copies be made of the important and rare manuscripts kept in the library of Bangiya Sahitya Parishad, Calcutta and a photostat copy of each of these microfilms be kept in the library of Bangiya Sahitya Parishad so that the originals may not be removed or mishandled."

Explanatory note:

There are many valuable and rare manuscripts in the Library of Bangiya Sahitya Parishad of historical and socio-economic importance which should be preserved permanently. As these are not being properly preserved for want of funds it is necessary to make microfilm copies of the important and rare manuscripts and photostat copies made for the use of the public.

These manuscripts are borrowed by public institutions and sometimes by private individuals by executing a bond. But unfortunately there had been some cases in which the manuscripts could not be recovered. So I think the originals should not be removed from the library.

One photostat copy of the microfilm of each manuscript may be kept in the Library of Bangiya Sahitya Parishad for the use of the readers and and borrowers.

Standing Committee's views:

As far as possible the original manuscripts should not be allowed to go out of the institutions, except for photo-copying or microfilming by arrangement.